

Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and Listings of Claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fishing system comprising:
a fishing rod including a top side, a bottom side, a left side and a right side, the fishing rod also including eyelets positioned at one of the top or bottom sides of the fishing rod, the fishing rod further including a reel mount, a shaft that extends forwardly from the reel mount and a handle that extends rearwardly from the reel mount, the eyelets being mounted to the shaft; and
an arm cradle connected to the fishing rod, the arm cradle having a forearm receiving portion located rearward of the reel mount, the forearm receiving portion being elongated along a length that extends between front and rear ends of the forearm receiving portion, the forearm receiving portion being configured such the length of the forearm receiving portion extends generally parallel to a user's forearm when the user's forearm is received within the forearm receiving portion, the forearm receiving portion of the arm cradle opening in an upward direction, and the arm cradle being pivotally moveable relative to the fishing rod about a pivot axis that is positioned adjacent the front end of the forearm receiving portion of the arm cradle and is also offset to one of the left or right sides of the fishing rod, wherein the arm cradle can pivot left and right relative to the fishing rod.
2. (Original) The fishing system of claim 1, wherein the arm cradle is positioned above the top side of the fishing rod.
3. (Original) The fishing system of claim 1, wherein the arm cradle inclines upwardly from the fishing rod at an angle in the range of 0-45 degrees.
4. (Original) The fishing system of claim 1, wherein the cradle defines an incline angle relative to the fishing rod, and wherein the incline angle is adjustable.

5. (Currently Amended) The fishing system of claim 1, wherein ~~the fishing rod includes a shaft and a handle, wherein the fishing rod also includes a reel mount provided at the handle, and wherein the arm cradle is connected to the handle at a location behind the reel mount~~ at least a portion of the arm cradle extends rearwardly beyond a rear end of the handle.

6. (Currently Amended) The fishing system of claim 1, wherein the cradle includes a base portion and opposing side walls that curve upwardly from the base portion left and right side walls that define an upwardly facing channel having an open top side, an open front end and an open back end, the channel having a width and a length, the width of the channel being defined between the side walls and the length of the channel extending between the open front end and the open rear end of the channel, the length of the channel being at least 1.5 times longer than the width of the channel.

7. (Currently Amended) The fishing system of claim 4, ~~wherein the arm cradle includes a front end and a back end, wherein the arm cradle is elongated from the front end to the back end~~ 6, wherein the channel length is in the range of 5-12 inches.

8. (Currently Amended) The fishing system of claim 7, further comprising a pivot pin coupled to the ~~front end of the arm cradle~~ at a location adjacent the open front end of the channel, the pivot pin including a pivot ~~shaft~~ portion that extends downwardly from the arm cradle.

9. (Currently Amended) The fishing system of claim 8, further comprising a clamp coupled to the fishing rod, the clamp defining an opening in which the pivot ~~shaft~~ portion is pivotally mounted.

10. (Currently Amended) An arm support device for use with an elongated item having a handle, the arm support device comprising:

a coupler adapted to be coupled to the handle;

~~an arm cradle that opens in an upward direction, the arm cradle~~ a forearm receiving member elongated along a length that extends between front and rear ends of the forearm

receiving member, the forearm receiving member being configured such the length of the forearm receiving member extends generally parallel to a user's forearm when the user's forearm is received within the forearm receiving member, the forearm receiving member being positioned above the coupler; and

a pivot pin member that connects the arm cradle forearm receiving member to the coupler, the pivot pin member including a pivot shaft that extends downwardly from the arm cradle to the coupler defining a pivot axis that extends generally in an upward/downward direction and is located adjacent the front end of the forearm receiving member, the forearm receiving member being pivotally moveable about the pivot axis defined by the pivot member.

11. (Currently Amended) The arm support device of claim 10, wherein the eradle forearm receiving member includes a base portion that inclines upwardly from the coupler.

12. (Currently Amended) An arm support device for use with an elongated item having a handle, the arm support device comprising:

a coupler adapted to be coupled to the handle;
an arm cradle that opens in an upward direction, the arm cradle being positioned above the coupler; and
a pivot pin that connects the arm cradle to the coupler, the pivot pin including a pivot shaft that extends downwardly from the arm cradle to the coupler. ~~The arm support device of claim 11 and wherein the cradle includes a base portion that inclines upwardly from the coupler wherein the base portion of the cradle inclines upwardly at an angle in the range of 15-30 degrees relative to the coupler.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The arm support device of claim 10, wherein the arm cradle forearm receiving member includes a front end and a back end, and wherein the arm cradle inclines relative to the coupler as the arm cradle extends from the front end to the back end.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) An arm support device for use with an elongated item having a handle, the arm support device comprising:

a clamp including a receptacle for receiving the handle, the clamp including a top side, a bottom side, a left side, a right side, a front side and a back side, the receptacle extending through the clamp from the front side to the back side;

an arm cradle having a base portion and opposing left and right side walls that define an upwardly facing channel having an open top side, an open front end and an open back end, the channel having a width and a length, the width of the channel being defined as a maximum distance measured between the side walls and the length of the channel extending between the open front end and the open rear end of the channel, the width of the channel being shorter than the length of the channel, ~~that opens in an upward direction, the arm cradle being positioned above the top side of the clamp, the arm cradle including a front end and a back end, the arm cradle being elongated from the front end to the back end, and the arm cradle being inclined relative to the clamp as the arm cradle extends from the front end to the back end;~~ and

~~a pivot pin~~ connecting member that connects the arm cradle to the coupler clamp, the ~~pivot pin including a pivot shaft~~ connecting member having at least a portion that extends downwardly from the arm cradle to the coupler clamp, the pivot pin being free to pivot about connecting member defining a pivot axis for allowing the arm cradle to pivot left and right relative to the clamp, the pivot axis being that is offset to the left or the right of the receptacle, and the pivot pin pivot axis being connected to the arm cradle positioned at a location adjacent the open front end of the arm cradle channel.

17. (New) The arm support device of claim 16, wherein the base portion inclines as the base portion extends from the open front end to the open back end.

18. (New) The arm support device of claim 16, wherein the length of the channel is at least 1.5 times larger than the width of the channel.

19. (New) The arm support device of claim 17, wherein the length of the channel is at least two times larger than the width of the channel.

20. (New) The arm support device of claim 16, wherein the length of the channel is in the range of 5-12 inches.
21. (New) The arm support device of claim 16, wherein the clamp includes at least one threaded fastener for tightening the clamp.
22. (New) The arm support device of claim 21, wherein the clamp includes two clamp pieces that are drawn together by the at least one threaded fastener.
23. (New) An arm support device for use with an elongated item having a handle, the arm support device comprising:
- a handle coupler defining a pivot pin opening;
 - an arm cradle having a base portion and opposing left and right side walls that define an upwardly facing channel having an open top side, the channel having a width and a length, the width of the channel being defined as a maximum distance measured between the left and right side walls, the length of the channel being generally perpendicular to the width and extending from a front end to a back end of the base portion, and the width of the channel being shorter than the length of the channel; and
 - a pivot pin having an upper end portion connected to the arm cradle adjacent the front end of the base portion, and a lower end portion pivotally received within the pivot pin opening of the handle coupler, wherein the pivot pin pivots within the pivot pin opening to allow the arm cradle to be pivoted relative to the handle coupler.
24. (New) The arm support device of claim 23, wherein the base portion inclines as the base portion extends from the front end to the back end of the base portion.
25. (New) The arm support device of claim 23, wherein the length of the channel is at least two times larger than the width of the channel.
26. (New) The arm support device of claim 23, wherein the length of the channel is in the range of 5-12 inches.

27. (New) A fishing system comprising:

a fishing rod including a top side, a bottom side, a left side and a right side, the fishing rod also including eyelets positioned at one of the top or bottom sides of the fishing rod, the fishing rod further including a reel mount, a shaft that extends forwardly from the reel mount and a handle that extends rearwardly from the reel mount, the eyelets being mounted to the shaft; and

a forearm support connected to the fishing rod, the forearm support having a support portion adapted for engaging an angler's forearm, the support portion being located rearward of the reel mount when the angler's forearm is supported thereon, the forearm support being pivotally moveable relative to the fishing rod about a pivot axis that is oriented to allow the forearm support to pivot left and right relative to the fishing rod.

28. (New) The fishing system of claim 27, wherein the forearm support is elongated in a direction that extends away from the pivot axis, and wherein the support portion of the forearm support angles upwardly as the support portion extends away from the pivot axis.

29. (New) The fishing system of claim 27, wherein the forearm support is positioned higher than the top side of the fishing rod, and wherein the forearm support can be pivoted to a position in which the forearm support is located directly over a top side of the handle, and can also be pivoted to a position where the forearm support is not located directly over the top side of the handle.

30. (New) The fishing system of claim 27, wherein at least a portion of the forearm support extends rearwardly beyond a rear end of the handle.

31. (New) The fishing system of claim 27, wherein the forearm support is elongated in a direction adapted to be parallel with a user's forearm when the forearm is supported by the support portion of the forearm support.